Plight of Kargil Porter's Widow

1099. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated the 12th June, 2000 under the caption "Her husband died in Kargil, she skips meals to send kids to school" regarding the fate of Bina Devi, a widow of a Kargil porter and her children; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri Kamlesh Kumar, son of Shri Banarsi Das of Village Rehmbal, District Udhampur employed in No. 5 Porter Company, was killed on 10th July, 1999. His wife, Smt. Bina Devi was paid ex-gratia relief of Rs. 2 lakhs by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, in July, 1999 and another ex-gratia relief of Rs. 2 lakhs, released by the Ministry of Defence, was paid by the Army on 31st March, 2000. Her children have also been granted admission in Army School, Jammu Cantt.

Probe into Defence Deals

1100. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission investigating the controversial defence deals since 1989 has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that he had promised to probe into all the defence deals since 1985 and not 1989; and

(d) if so, the reasons for conducting the investigations into the deals since 1989 only?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERANDES): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.